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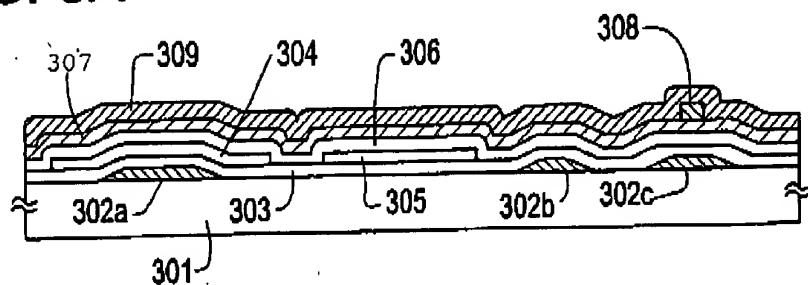
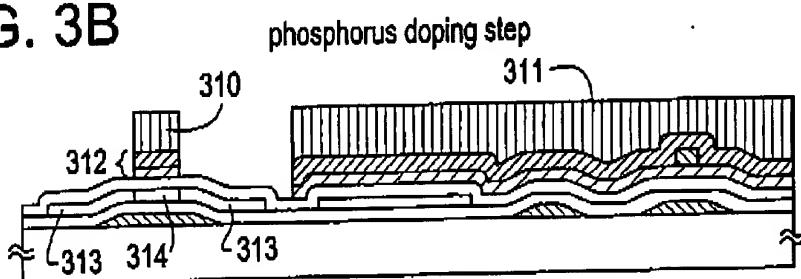
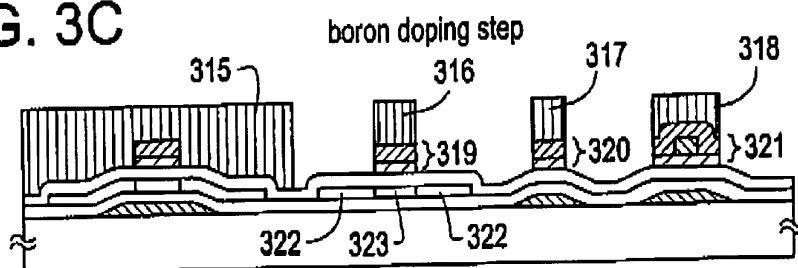
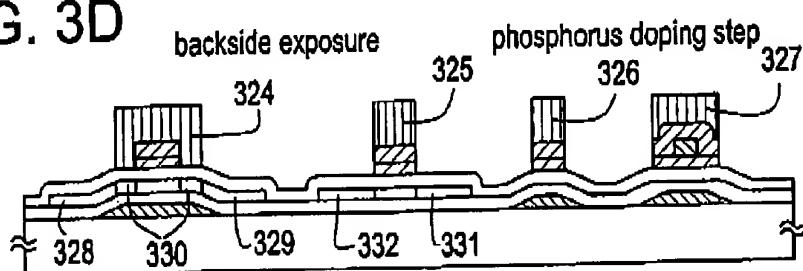
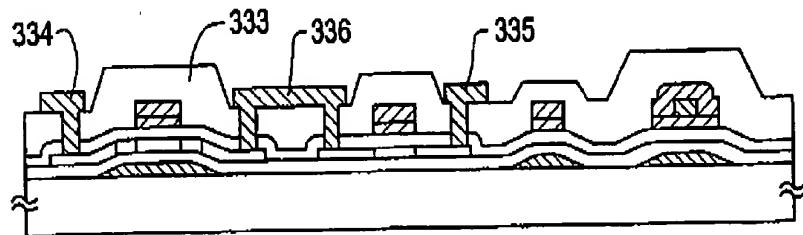
Applicant filed proposed drawing changes on 11/8/2002. These proposed drawings were indicated as acceptable by the examiner. Subsequently, in the non-final Office Action mailed 2/14/2004, the Office Action Summary indicated that the drawings were accepted with no indication of requiring the applicant to file formal drawings corresponding to the previous proposed drawing changes. This matter remained unresolved and the application lacked formal clean copies of the proposed drawings. The application has now been allowed and the issue fee has been paid. To correct the matter, the examiner obtained formal replacement sheets for the drawing from the applicant on 4/14/2005. These replacement sheets have been entered such that the application now has a full set of acceptable drawings.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to N. Drew Richards whose telephone number is (571) 272-1736. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on (571) 272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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REPLACEMENT SHEET

FIG. 5A

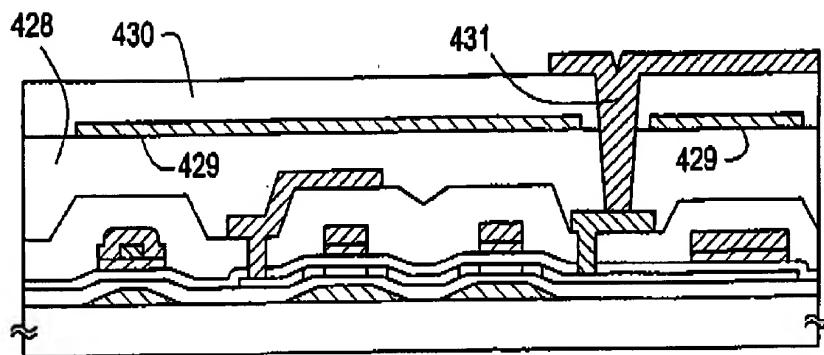
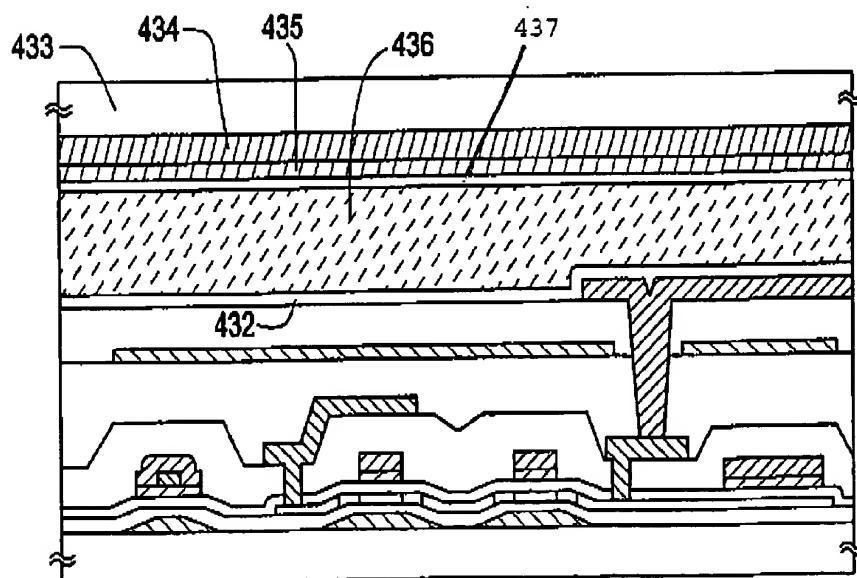


FIG. 5B



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FIG. 6

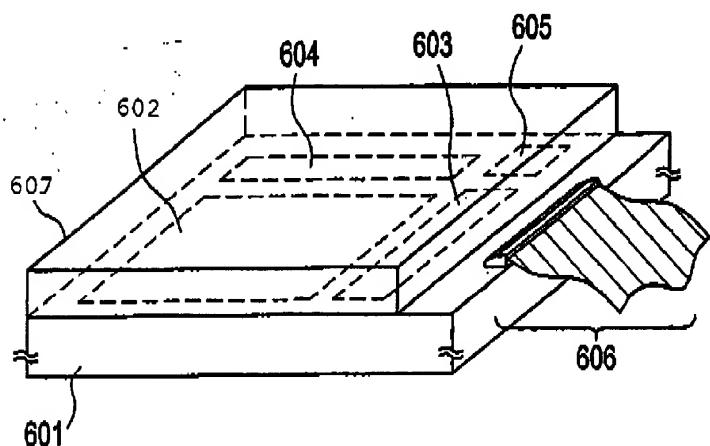


FIG. 7

